

What's NEW

A bi-weekly newsletter for Greenfield Community College staff and faculty

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DWI Day, Art Dept. film series highlight upcoming campus activities

Despite the near-constant flow of bad news from Boston, life goes on at GCC, and a number of interesting and educational activities are planned for the campus community in the next few weeks. Take a stress-break and check them out.

DWI Day will be held Wednesday, November 8, from 9 to 1:30 in the main lobby at the college. The event, sponsored by the Health Service, will include mock arrests of faculty, staff and students (what, no legislators?), computer games that simulate a party, breathalyzer testing and

information tables on various aspects of alcohol and alcohol abuse.

Also, Craig Hilliker of the Beacon Clinic will lead a rap session on alcohol and the family at 12 noon in room C129.

If you missed the acclaimed PBS series "The Power of Myth" with Joseph Campbell, you'll have another chance to see it, compliments of the Art Department. The first episode, entitled "The Hero's Adventure," will be shown Wednesday, November 8, in Room S212. The second episode, "The Message of the Myth," will be shown November 15 in South Gallery.

CC presidents raise issue of scholarship \$\$

The Council of Community College Presidents met on October 2, 1989, and unanimously passed a resolution asking the Governor to reconsider his decision to subsidize independent colleges and universities through publicly-appropriated scholarship money. The following is the resolution in its entirety:

The Council of Community College Presidents respectfully asks the Governor to reconsider his decision to subsidize independent colleges and universities through publicly-appropriated scholarship money. These funds are presently being held harmless to the jeopardy of public colleges who are faced with denying access to their institutions or, worse, may actually require the termination of presently enrolled students.

We respectfully request that Community Colleges be allowed, at a fraction of the cost of such an education within the private sector, to make space available at our institutions to provide quality education for the students impacted; or, that independent colleges and universities themselves commit the financial resources necessary to

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The President's Corner

Thanks to everyone: students, faculty and staff, who went to Boston October 18. You were terrific and we are proud of you! The rally was a great beginning--regardless of how the media reported it--and 15,000 students will have an impact on government!

We must, however, keep up the pressure. There is a chance of a tax package in the legislature during the next several weeks. We all must contact our local representatives: Carmen Buell, Jay Healy, Stan Rosenberg, Bill Nagel, as well as our senators Olver, Wetmore and Webber.

We must let them know that students, students' parents, and state employees are citizens, taxpayers, and most important, REGISTERED VOTERS, and we expect legislators to vote for taxes in support of higher education.

On another note, the accreditation self-study committees are in full force. Please remember that the self-study is one of the most important projects for this year, and that various committees need all members to be fully involved. Your help is really important to the timely success of the self-study document.

--Kay Sloan

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Text of Sloan letter to legislators

The following letter was sent to area legislators by President Sloan. She is urging everyone in the campus community to make their opinions known to their elected officials.

Dear Legislator:

Recently you received a statement from me outlining the impact of the most recent reversion on Greenfield Community College. As a result of the reduction in cuts to higher education from 5 percent to a little less than 4 percent, I am pleased to inform you that Greenfield Community College will now be able to add back enough course sections taught by part-time faculty to enable us to admit new students to the college in the spring semester. We will also restore partial funding to the classroom materials and academic equipment accounts. All other planned fee increases and reductions in spending will remain in place in order to meet our reversion of more than

--Scholarship \$\$

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include these students without a taxpayer's subsidy.

The Council of Community College Presidents respectfully notes that of the \$79,000,000 currently available for scholarships, 62% of these public dollars have been allocated to the private sector. Instead of the \$7,000,000 currently required to be remitted to the Commonwealth by the Community Colleges, institutions where students if denied access have few if any other options, these dollars could easily be remitted by a reduction in the private sector portion of the scholarship funds.

If Massachusetts is indeed in fiscal crisis, all the Commonwealth institutions must share the burden.

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\$250,000.

While we are now able to once again carry out our primary mission of providing access to higher education for academically qualified students, we remain in major financial difficulties. Further cuts to our budget in the spring and summer of 1990 as are indicated by Chancellor Franklyn Jenifer and Secretary Edward Lashman, will force lay-offs and program closings. The chancellor and members of the Board of Regents are now indicating that closing some colleges in FY 1991 may be necessary if funding continues to erode.

I am unequivocally telling you now that we cannot cut further at GCC without destroying what has been developed in this college over the past 25 years. As strongly as I can, I urge you, as our elected representative, to publicly support and vote for new revenues (yes, TAXES) now for education. Students, their parents, and staff at GCC and other public colleges in Massachusetts are citizens, taxpayers, and registered voters. They must be viewed by you, their legislator, as important members of your constituency. Our students represent, in fact, the future economic and political life of Massachusetts.

I understand that a tax bill sponsored by Rep. Paleologos may be forthcoming in the House. Please support it and any other appropriate revenue instruments. I look forward to a response indicating how you plan to vote on taxes in support of higher education.

Katherine H. Sloan

HELP!

Sterling Clark would like your help in finding ways in which the college could reduce its energy budget. Anything and everything will be considered, and suggestions will be published in an upcoming edition of What's New.

Calendar

NOVEMBER 3: Faculty Senate will discuss the mandated curriculum changes as noted in the Regent's report, *The Undergraduate Experience*, in room N435-A & B at 12 noon.

NOVEMBER 8: DWI DAY: DRINKING AND DRIVING-THE PRICE YOU PAY, see our prez get arrested, have your own sobriety tested. Another wild and crazy Health Service production, college lobby, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER 11: Fall Writers Conference--with Edie Clark, fiction editor of *Yankee*; Barry Werth, staff writer at *New England Monthly*; and others. People's Institute, 38 Gothic St., Northampton, 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please pass this on to students interested in fiction and non-fiction writing! Call B.J. Roche (ext. 293) for more info.

NOVEMBER 13: Concert--Voice recital featuring Anne Borton, soprano and George Soulos, piano, Performing Arts Center, 12 noon.

NOVEMBER 20: Slide presentation-book signing by Louise Minks, author of *"The Hudson River School,"* and director of the Pioneer Valley Institute at GCC. Greenfield Public Library, 12 noon. (To be repeated Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m.)

AND WATCH FOR:

DECEMBER 7: Lecture--Artist Barry Moser will speak and show slides on "A Personal Approach to Design and Illustration," location to be announced, at 7:30. This is the second in the Pioneer Valley Institute Lecture Series.

"We are, essentially, the victims of other things we have no control of."

Paul Tsongas, Chairman of the Board of Regents of Higher Education, at a meeting held last week with business leaders in Lexington, Mass.